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Via ECF

Hon. Magistrate Judge Arlene R. Lindsay United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York 814 Federal Plaza Central Islip, N.Y. 11722

Re: McGregor, et al. v. Suffolk County, et al.

Docket No.: 2:23-cv-01130 (Brown, J.) (Lindsay, M.J.)

Dear Magistrate Judge Lindsay:

This Office represents Dominick L. Chiumento, in his official capacity as Acting Superintendent of the New York State Police. I write to request that Superintendent Chiumento be substituted as a defendant for his predecessor, Steven A. Nigrelli, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d).

Superintendent Nigrelli, the current State defendant in this action, retired from government service effective October 6, 2023. Because Superintendent Nigrelli is sued only in his official capacity, *see* Complaint, ECF No. 1, ¶ 19, the substitution takes place "automatically." Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d); *see Williams v. Annucci*, 895 F.3d 180, 187 (2d Cir. 2018). We request that the case caption be amended to reflect Superintendent Chiumento stepping into the role. Plaintiffs have consented to this request, and although we also reached out to the County defendants, counsel is away until October 30, 2023.

We thank the Court for its time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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